

Remark

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 30, 37, 38, 41, 44, 47, 51, 53 and 55 have been amended. Claims 1-29, 31, 35, 36 and 48 have been cancelled. Therefore, claims 30, 32-34, 37-47 and 49-61 are present for examination.

35 U.S.C. §101 Rejection

The Examiner has rejected claims 44-46, 55-58 and 61 under 35 U.S.C. §101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 44 and 55 are amended to refer to a tangible medium having instructions stored thereon. Applicants state for the record that a carrier wave is not a tangible medium nor does it store instructions.

This amendment is made in an effort to expedite the prosecution of the application in recognition of the Office position against claims directed to carrier waves. Applicants submit that this position is not supported by statute, regulation or judicial opinion and reserve the abandoned claim scope to reclaim in the event that the Office changes its position or that the Office position is overturned.

35 U.S.C. §112 Rejection

The Examiner has rejected claims 38-40, 51-52 and 59 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement, and second paragraph, as being indefinite. Figures 5 and 6 show the structure that is used as an example for implementing the means. Each of the devices in Figure 7 may be embodied in a structure such as that of Figure 6. The means for sending and receiving is the I/O

unit 650, described on page 7, lines 12, et seq.. The means for maintaining is the block 510, described on page 6, lines 22 et seq. In Figure 6, this would likely be implemented by the processor 610 working together with the memory 630. The means for connecting is again embodied in the I/O 650 with the help of the processor and memory.

Claim Objections

Claim 37 objected to because of the following informalities: it depends on claim 36 which is cancelled. Claim 37 is corrected.

35 U.S.C. §102 Rejection

Kammer

The Examiner has rejected claims 30, 32-34, 37-47 and 49-61 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,826,387 to Kammer. The claims have been clarified. In Kammer, the service name is used to look up legacy applications but connection requests always include the port (service class) and the connections are made using the port. The present claims distinguish over Kammer in this respect.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections have been overcome by the amendment and remark, and that the claims as amended are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the rejections be withdrawn and the claims as amended be allowed.

Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

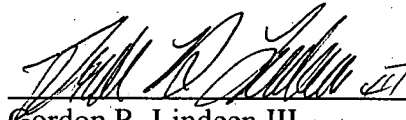
Request for an Extension of Time

Applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension.
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Respectfully submitted,
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